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regimen which is most beneficial to my patients." Remember the words of the gentle Dr. John Bassett in the last century, "Hippocrates was but our fellow servant, and we are but ministers of nature; our whole art consists in understanding her language and laws; our whole practice, in obeying her mandates; if we do not understand them, it is either our fault or our misfortune; to act as though we did is quackery."

A CONTINUOUS IRRIGATION APPARATUS EASILY CONSTRUCTED

AS DEMONSTRATED IN MT. SINAI HOSPITAL

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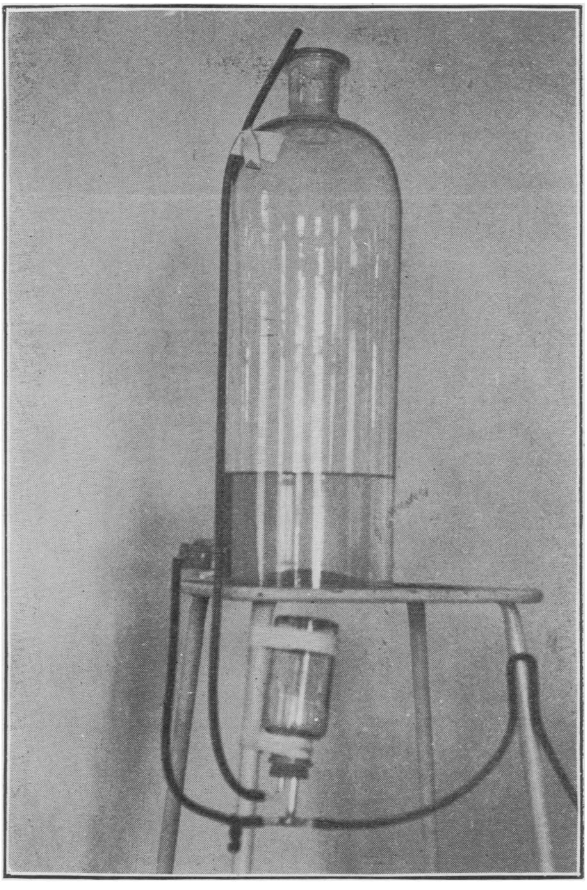
With one four-gallon glass jar, one eight-ounce bottle, two rubber corks, some rubber tubing, some glass tubes straight, Y-, T-, and U-shaped, a continuous irrigation, which flushes as well as irrigates, can be applied to three sinuses at the same time, and will need to be filled only once in three or four hours (instead of about every twenty minutes, as when only one tube is used). This has been demonstrated with great success in the children's ward at Mt. Sinai.

The large jar is placed upon the upper shelf of a transfusion stand, about four and a half feet high, the bottle is inverted under the upper shelf and strapped to one of the supports of the stand with adhesive strips. One piece of tubing held in place against the side of the jar and connecting with glass tube in the cork of the bottle supplies the air. Another tube extends from the cork at the base of the jar, connects with the T glass tube in the cork of the bottle, then is carried on to one of the supports of the stand, fastened with adhesives at a point where a U glass tube occurs, is carried on to the side of the crib, fastened to that with adhesive and then is fitted with a λ glass tube. The forks of the λ are fitted with rubber tubes and one of these is fitted with another λ glass tube. These forks in turn are fitted with rubber tubes and glass tips, thus affording means of applying to three sinuses if necessary.

The U glass tube furnishes a point for observation and it is possible to regulate the flow by means of a clamp inserted just before the rubber meets the T glass tube.

With this little patient, as the leg was the affected member, it was suspended by gauze attached to sides of the crib, and a trough arranged with rubber sheeting connected with a pail placed at the foot of the bed.



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